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claims be considered. Accordingly, as these claims are newly-presented in this CPA, Applicant asserts that this response is fully responsive to the Office Action of September 25, 2000.

Moreover, original claims 1-4 and 8, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Bennett and claims 5-7, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Bennett, have been cancelled by the above-identified Amendment.

Furthermore, Applicant notes that Bennett does not teach or suggest a device for transmitting facsimile data over an Internet Protocol (IP) network to a destination facsimile device, the facsimile data originating as a standard facsimile transmission from a source facsimile device or as an electronic mail transmission from an IP client source device. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 9-12 are neither anticipated nor suggested by Bennett and are, thus, patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has made a bona fide attempt at fully responding to the outstanding Office Action. All objections and rejections have been addressed. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

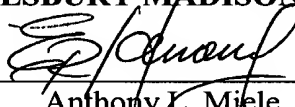
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Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in facilitating and expediting the examination of this matter.

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